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Former L.A. County Contractor Sentenced to Prison, Ordered to Repay \$2.6 Million to Taxpayers

The former administrator of a nonprofit organization that contracted with the county to help domestic violence victims was sentenced today to four years in state prison for her role in a massive overbilling scheme, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Wilma Wilson, the former executive director of the Peace and Joy Care Center, a Carson-based nonprofit organization, was ordered to repay nearly \$2.6 million in restitution to the county. She also was ordered to pay a \$500,000 aggravated white collar crime fine.

The case was prosecuted by Marian Thompson, deputy-in-charge of the Internal Welfare Fraud Unit of the District Attorney's Public Integrity Division.

Wilson, 62, and her husband, 74-year-old William Wilson, pleaded guilty in April to fraudulently billing the county for women and children who never received services or who received limited services from the agency. The couple embezzled the money from 2003 to 2008.

Her husband was sentenced on July 15 to four years in state prison and ordered to pay \$1.1 million in restitution, along with the \$500,000 aggravated white collar crime fine.

Also sentenced on July 15 were co-defendants Melanie McAllister, 52, and Lisa Corona, 45. The former longtime agency employees each pleaded earlier to one count of grand theft by embezzlement.

McAllister, a San Pedro resident, was sentenced to three years of formal probation, 100 hours of community service and ordered to pay \$5,000 in restitution.

Corona, a Cerritos resident, was sentenced to three years formal probation and 100 hours of community service.

A joint investigation was conducted by the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Auditor-Controller of Los Angeles County and the Department of Public Social Services.

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